

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

THAT SPECIAL ELECTION.

As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, an election has been ordered for January 9th, 1889, being Wednesday on the question of bonding the city to the extent of thirty thousand dollars, if so much be necessary, to establish an electric light and waterworks plant.

Voters must register between Dec. 10th and 24th, inclusive. No unregistered voter need apply.

It thus appears that the people will be called upon to decide what must be regarded as a momentous question for the city of Sumter. We have no satisfactory information, none that is decisive, to give our readers as to what such a plant will cost, but we presume that the City Council must be satisfied that it will not cost more than \$30,000 for both purposes, or that sum would not have been mentioned.

So much on the general question. As to the election, as we look on it, the questions to be decided are these:

1. Are lights and waterworks needed? No two opinions can exist on the subject, from our point of view. The present system of lighting, if it may be so called, costs in the neighborhood of \$1800 a year. For \$2500 electric lights, that will be lights indeed, can be procured. On this point, we may consult Greenville and Columbia, which have such a system in operation.

As to waterworks, will any man undertake to say that we have an adequate supply of water now? Vast sections of the city are comparatively at the mercy of the fire flood, and if we wish to know how the insurance men rate Sumter, in point of danger, just remember that from 4 1/2 to 6 per cent. is asked on property nearest the best water supply we have, and nearest to our steam fire engine. That tells the whole story in a sentence.

Ten thousand dollars are paid out annually in this city for insurance. The cost would be reduced one-half if an adequate water supply existed. Had not that better be saved, even if a portion of it goes into the waterworks? It is an easy sum in arithmetic.

A step like this, especially in view of the fact that this city is on the eve of becoming one of the most important railway centres in the State, would be bound to attract the favorable notice of investors, and of persons seeking a place of residence. It cannot fail to advertise the city, and no one will deny that what we need is capital and population. In our opinion this is Sumter's golden opportunity to lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. A false economy now will retard the city's growth to an extent that will enable other competing towns to get ahead, and keep ahead of her. We must not forget that other towns are moving, and will move only the faster when they see Sumter standing still. We have lost ground already by our inactivity at critical times in our history. Let us not repeat the mistake, nor suffer the glittering generalities and the plethoric platitudes of the ever-cautions to make us shut the door in the face of the progress that is knocking at it. If now denied, she may never return.

POLITICAL BACK-PATTING.

That portion of the fourth estate which hath its being at the North, and represents the party of great moral ideas, has been considerably exercised of late in the effort to express its admiration of the grand character of the American body politic, which could go through the ordeal of a revolution such as that which has recently reinstated the Republican party in power, and yet possess the self-restraint to refrain from overmuch crowing on the part of the victors and an excess of kicking on the part of the vanquished. It is indeed a splendid example of the wonderful stability of our young republic; or at least that portion of it which lies to the South of Mason's and Dixon's line. Because, after all, to what a trifling extent is the North affected by a change of administration? Whichever party be in power, the North has all the benefit and advantage of excellent and efficient and respectable Federal officeholders, but how about the South?

(From our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30, 1888. Mr. Cleveland's last annual message to Congress is all complete, and has been submitted to his cabinet, at a meeting called for the purpose, but what its contents are, nobody outside knows, or is likely to know until the document is read at the Capitol Monday. The members of the cabinet will only say that it is a very strong and interesting document, and that it will be well worthy of a place along with the other state papers which Mr. Cleveland has written. Speaking of this message reminds me that Mr. Cleveland has been particularly fortunate in never having had any 'leaks' in his administration through which public documents, such as presidential messages, have reached the public prematurely. His is the first administration for many years entirely free of these 'leaks.'

but the indomitable pluck of her people, aided by her matchless climate and fertile soil, have enabled her to take the rank she has and command the respect of the world, and even draw capital from abroad which gladly seeks investment here.

And she has done it in the face of partisan lies innumerable, and frantic waving of the incensurated undervest, and persistent misrepresentation by this same complacent press of the North. The South owes the Northern Republican press nothing, nor does she ask anything of it now. She has shown her ability to rise in spite of all opposition of every possible sort from the most refined and Machiavellian ingenuity could devise to keep her down, and she objects to being patted on the back and commended by the Murat Hales and Whiteleg Reids whose malignant persecutions of her have been limited only and solely by their power to hurt and insult. She cares not for their commendations. She can get on without them still, as she has got on for the last trying quarter of a century.

It may not be always wise to talk out in meeting, but this is a time when somebody ought to warn our people not to trundle to the party in power, or to any party, but to stand together and demand justice not beg for it as a favor. The Northern Democratic party has slaughtered us without hesitation whenever it has seen fit. We are indebted, therefore, to it for nothing of any consequence. If we are driven to do it, let us not hesitate to draw and stand on sectional lines, just as long as our Northern allies or enemies make it necessary for us to stand there. On the other hand let us express and show our readiness to rub the sectional line out, whenever they put themselves in such attitude towards us as shall make it safe and honorable for us to blot it out. The late presidential election has proven beyond a doubt that it is essential to our political integrity that the South should hold fast to its present position in the government of the several States. With that secure no great harm can come to us from outside. Then let us concentrate our energies on the development of our vast internal resources, and let outside politics alone for a while at least. With these developed, money will come. Money is power if knowledge directs its use. This accomplished, we will be in a position to view with equanimity any and all changes of Federal administration.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We have risen from a perusal of the President's Message with fresh and increased admiration of his ability and patriotism.

After reminding Congress that the country has passed the first century of its constitutional existence, the President points out the fact that of late years there has been a wide departure from the safeguards which the Constitution throws around the citizen, and shows that in so far as we depart from the provisions of that instrument, our republic, as such, is a failure. He urges that private interests should be subordinated to public interests, and Congress should legislate on patriotic rather than on selfish considerations. He gives examples of what he means when he cites the fact that the bill for the relief of the Supreme Court has failed to pass, while numerous acts of a private nature have been pushed through. He attacks boldly the system of taxation which extorts in a few years two hundred millions of dollars more than are needed to pay all expenses of the government, and shows how the same grasping spirit that fosters such an infamous system, is producing the immense monopolies which now threaten to oppress the people. He urges revision of this matter, shows the bearing of tariff reform on it, and also advises earnestly a revision of the existing wretched pension laws.

He refers to the fisheries question, and the Sackville episode in a proper and becoming manner. He shows how we are at peace with all the world; that our navy is being put in fine condition; that the postal service is better than ever; the department of agriculture is doing good work, and that in all respects the country is exceedingly prosperous.

Mr. Cleveland's sturdy manhood and hatred of cant and hypocrisy stand out in fine relief in his message. No President has ever been manlier than he, and his successor will be compelled to act up to a high standard unless he desires to see himself in painful contrast with him when about to lay down his trust with the entire respect alike of political friends and foes.

ing each one of the four hundred employees of that department with a big fat turkey. The custom has been regularly kept up ever since, and last Wednesday the employees of that department received for the last time this practical evidence of the Secretary's interest in their welfare. This year Postmaster General Dickinson followed the good example set by Secretary Whitney, and presented each of the employes of his department with the finest turkey to be had. These turkeys were greatly enjoyed. It is extremely doubtful whether the new Secretary of the Navy and Postmaster General will follow the excellent example set them by the Democratic officials.

The Town of Fulton to Be. The railroad known as the Coast Line Extension has been almost completed as far as St. James's Church, about a mile and a half from Fulton, in this County, where we presume there will be a station that will become quite a town in the near future. From Sumter to this point is about nineteen miles, and the road is now being finished up for inspection by the Railroad Commissioner. It is expected that a regular train will be put on by Christmas. We learn that Dr. McLaughlin, of the City of Sumter, is to put up a mill at the Fulton Station at once, and enter largely into the milling and crooning business. That is a fine country, there is plenty of fine timber, good lands and good people, and we predict that there will be a prosperous town at Fulton in the not far distant future. The road from Sumter to Fulton will be in operation in about a month.—Clarendon Enterprise.

The fountain of perpetual youth was one of the dreams of antiquity. It has been well realized in Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the blood, gives vitality to all the bodily functions, and thus restores to age much of the vigor and freshness of youth.

Two Bottles Cure Rheumatism.

BROUGHTON, ARK., June 4, 1887. I cheerfully state the following facts in regard to the use of your medicine in my family. My little son, 14 years of age, suffered from an acute attack of rheumatism, caused by undue exposure and chilling of the blood. I heard your remedy highly recommended, and purchased one bottle of Moncrief & Bro.'s Rheumatism Cure. In about one month, after using this bottle, he became so much better that I got the second bottle which is now being used, and my son is nearly well, and I think by removing him to a cooler summer climate, he will do well, and continuing its use, a perfect cure will be effected. I consider B. B.'s, a most excellent blood purifier.

THE MARKETS.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 4, 1888. SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Sales at quotation. Market open firm at 43 cents per gallon.

ROBIN.—Firm at 80c for Strained and \$2 for Good Strained.

CHESE TURPENTINE.—Yellow Dip, \$2.25; Virgin \$2.25, Hard \$1.35.

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New Advertisements.

TO ADVERTISERS A list of 1000 newspapers, divided into STATES AND SECTIONS will be sent on application—FREE. To those who want their advertising to pay, we can offer no better medium for thorough and effective work than the various sections of our Select Local List.

GEO. P. ROWELL & CO., Newspaper Advertising Bureau, 10 Spruce street, New York.

FOR RENT.

FARM ONE MILE FROM COURT HOUSE on West boundary, containing 65 acres, with 6-room dwelling and necessary outbuildings. For terms apply to W. E. DICK, at Ducker & Bultman's, Sumter, S. C. Dec. 5.

MUSIC HALL,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10. The original and only version, approved by the author, Geo. W. Peck, and played only by Atkinson's Comedy Company.

PECK'S BAD BOY.

New Senery, New Melodys, Songs and Dances, New and Unique Specialties. Our own Orchestra and Zouave Brass Band. Reserved Seats, 75 cents; Admission, 35 and 50 cents.

LOST.

IN THE CITY OF SUMTER OR ON ROAD from city to Spring Hill, on Thursday, Nov. 29th, Seventy (\$70) dollars in bills. The finder will be liberally rewarded if returned to O. H. WHITE, Smithville, S. C. Dec. 5

FOR SALE.

ONE FINE YOUNG SADDLE AND BRUGGY HORSE, size Blue Blank, formerly owned by Geo. W. Reardon, six years old. Perfectly sound. Address Dec. 5—3 R. care W and S.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

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Terms of sale, Cash. Sale will be continued from day to day at above house, as may be necessary. D. J. AULD, Assignee E. C. Green & Son. Dec. 5

Assignee's Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY AS THE Assignee of E. C. Green & Son and E. C. Green individually, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public auction in front of the Court House in Sumter, S. C., on Saturday Jan. 7th, 1889, subject to all liens thereon, 1 Lot and buildings thereon, N. E. corner of Main and Canal Streets, and 1 Lot and buildings thereon, on N. W. corner of Canal and Harvin Streets, City of Sumter, as the property of E. C. Green.

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set speech of the session in favor of his measure. The people, he said, had been clamoring for retrenchment and reform, and that these high salaries were grinding the people down. It was almost a song in the state that our government costs a great deal more than that of sister commonwealths; it cost \$45,000 more per year than that of North Carolina. The House gives the poor, one-legged soldiers only \$50,000 a year, and refuses them anything if they have more than \$250 worth of property.

NOTICE.

Years and says on Mr. Brawley's motion resulted, yes, 50; nay, 45; the House then refusing to strike out the enacting words. When the communication from R. W. Simpson executor of the estate of Thomas G. Clemson, was read there was a considerable wrangle as to its disposition. Finally, on motion of Senator Donaldson, it was ordered to be printed and received as information.

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Atmore's Mince Meat, Fruit Butter, Preserves, Jellies, and all kinds of sweetmeats.

Also a fine lot of polished Table Nuts and Soft Shell Almonds.

Our stock of Fancy Candies, Groceries and Fancy Crackers of all kinds is now complete and we hope to receive your orders early and often; which will receive our prompt attention.

Respectfully, DUCKER & BULTMAN.

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GRAND OPENING.

Fall and Winter Goods.

Dress Goods, in Great Variety, in Latest Styles, Large Assortment.

Dress Trimmings in Latest Styles, Full Stock.

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S GLOVES AND HOSE. All kinds, at Lowest Prices.

NOTIONS, IN GREAT VARIETY. CALICOES AND GINGHAMS IN BEAUTIFUL PATTERNS AND COLORS.

WOOL AND CANTON FLANNELS, FINE ASSORTMENT. Ladies' and Misses' Undervests, in Great Variety.

Cloaks and Wraps, of Various Kinds, in Latest Styles.

TABLE DAMASK, LINEN TOWELS, AND TOWELING, ALL KINDS White and Brown Cotton Shirtings and Sheetings, full Stock.

BED BLANKETS, In Fine and Medium Quality, at very Low Prices.

CARPETINGS,

In Brussels and Three-ply Wool, and large assortment in lower grades of good quality, and beautiful patterns. Also, a fine assortment in Rugs and Straw Mattings.

SHOES.

This department is well supplied with Gent's, Ladies' and Children's, in all styles and qualities, fine goods and Low Prices.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Gent's, Boys' and Children's Clothing in variety, at very low prices. Gent's and Boys' Linen Bosom Shirts and Collars of best make, Wool Undervests, Neckties, &c.

HATS and CAPS, large assortment for Men and Boys.

HARDWARE, FULL STOCK.

Wooden Ware, Pot Ware, and Tin Ware, Full Assortment.

HARNES AND SADDLERY. DOUBLE AND SINGLE HARNES, Saddles, Bridles, &c., at all prices.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE IN GREAT VARIETY.

GROCERIES.

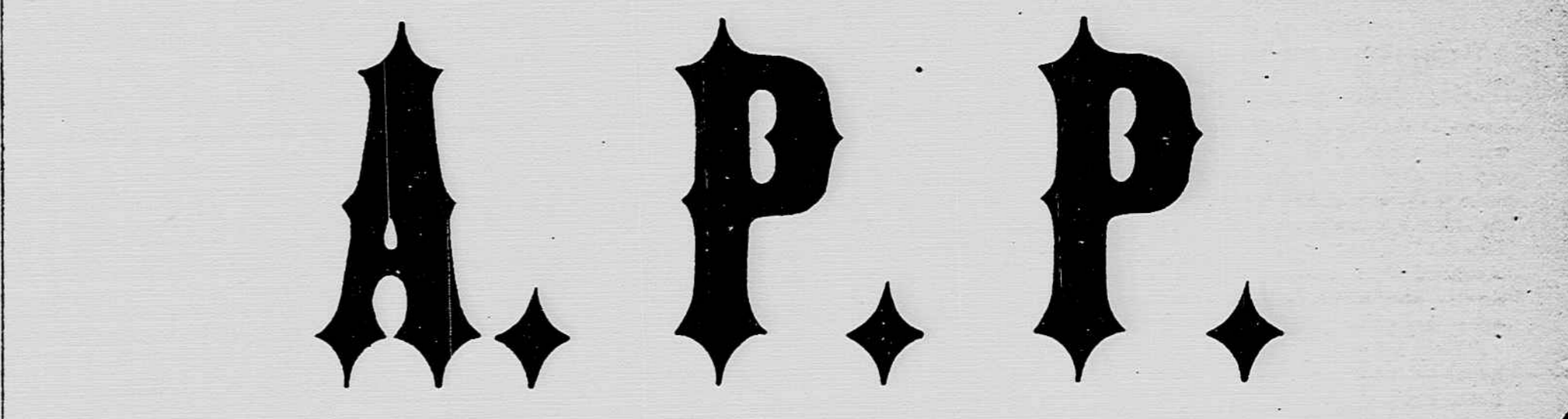
Heavy and Fancy Groceries of best quality, in large assortment, at lowest prices.

My Stock has been bought with great care, with an experience of forty years as to the wants of the people, and consisting of everything useful, fashionable, and good, and prices are guaranteed against any house in this or other markets.

Thanking my friends for their liberal patronage for many years, I solicit a continuance, and invite an examination of all buyers.

A. A. SOLOMONS.

Sept. 26, 1888.



A Perfect Picnic for Bargain Seekers

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS

In Prices of All Our Goods.

We have determined to close out our entire stock of Men's, Youths' and Children's Clothing regardless of cost,

--also--

Our large stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Newmarkets, Modjeskas and Walking Jackets.

We also make great reductions in all other winter goods.

We mean business and it will be to the interest of all purchasers to come and see our goods and prices ere they buy and we guarantee that they will save money.

J. Ryttenberg & Sons.

SUMTER, S. C.